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EA/TB - GBROBERTS

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S/NM - DCOHEN

AID/EA - SJLITTLEFIELD (DRAFT)

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DEA - FSTANDIFER (DRAFT)

CUSTOMS - JMCMANUS (DRAFT)

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TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: FY 76-77 NCAP

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1. SUMMARY: THE EAST ASIA INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON NARCOTICS HAS CONSIDERED FURTHER THAILAND'S FY 76-77 NCAP IN LIGHT OF REFTEL. WHILE MOST DECISIONS WERE AGAIN DEFERRED PENDING MORE INFORMATION FROM THE MISSION, WE WERE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SOME ISSUES. POINTS DISCUSSED ARE PRESENTED BELOW IN THE SAME ORDER AS IN REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

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2. RTG COMMITMENT: WE HAVE INITIATED AN EFFORT TO SEEK THIRD COUNTRY COOPERATION IN THE MANNER SUGGESTED BY REFTEL.

3. TRAINING: WE HAVE AGAIN DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF TRAINING PROPOSALS UNTIL RECEIPT OF THE MISSION'S TRAINING ASSESSMENT. THE WORKING GROUP DID, HOWEVER, DISCUSS CONTINUED CCINC FUNDING OF THE MISSION'S TWO TRAINING ADVISOR POSITIONS (CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY MSSRS. NACKE AND GOODWIN). TO ASSIST US WITH THIS QUESTION WE WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AS WELL AS A STATE-

MENT DESCRIBING THE GOALS AND METHODS WHICH THESE POSITIONS SUPPORT AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO DEA AND CUSTOMS IN-COUNTRY AND U.S. TRAINING PROGRAMS. WE PLAN TO CONDUCT AN INTERAGENCY ON SITE ASSESSMENT OF THE MISSION'S NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM EARLY IN 1976, AND THE MISSION'S EVALUATION WOULD ASSIST US GREATLY IN PLANNING THIS EXERCISE.

4. CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT: THE WORKING GROUP HAS RECOMMENDED TO AMBASSADOR VANCE THAT IN VIEW OF THE PERSUASIVE CASE MADE BY U.S. CUSTOMS, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE CUSTOMS PASA TEAM BE RETAINED AT THREE FULL-TIME MEMBERS. THIS POSITION IS ALSO SUPPORTED BY THE RECENT AID AUDIT REPORT, WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION. AFTER ORIGINALLY PROPOSING NINE PERSONS FOR THE TEAM, U.S. CUSTOMS WAS CONVINCED TO SEND ONLY THREE AS THE MINIMUM ADEQUATE FOR SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMING THE JOB. CONSIDERATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FUNCTIONAL EFFICIENCY, ALLOWING FOR LEAVE TIME AND THE NEED FOR CONTINUITY, WOULD SEEM TO SUPPORT CUSTOMS' VIEW. IT WOULD SEEM PARTICULARLY PREMATURE TO ABOLISH THE POSITION OF PERMANENT MARINE ADVISOR AT THE SAME TIME THE MISSION IS REQUESTING CCINC FUNDING FOR 28 NEW VESSELS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. PROPER UTILIZATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DOC VESSELS HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING CONCERN, THE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS NOT WITHSTANDING. WHILE TDY AND SHORT TERM MARINE ADVISORS HAVE A ROLE, THEY CANNOT PROVIDE THE NEEDED CONTINUITY AND EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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5. ACCESS ROADS: WE CONCUR WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION NOT TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT.

6. SNO AND MNU: THE WORKING GROUP DEFERRED ANY DECISION REGARDING CONTINUED FUNDING OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS PENDING UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR VANCE AND

DEA OFFICERS.

7. HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: WE WILL DEFER FURTHER  
CONSIDERATION OF THESE PROJECTS UNTIL AFTER THE MISSION'S  
REASSESSMENT SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1976. KISSINGER

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